



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Coyote Creek Timber Sale, Agreement No. 30-085349 and Forest Practices Application No. 2920686. This proposal includes a variable retention harvest of 148 net harvest acres, 2 acres of Right-of-Way clearing, 2 acres of Riparian Forest Restoration Strategy Thinning, and 1 acre of Wetland Management Zone Thinning. In total, 153 acres will be harvested under these three management strategies. The proposal will include 10,580 feet of road construction and 9,222 feet of road abandonment.

Description of mitigation: The following mitigation measures will be implemented with this proposal:

- Riparian Management Zones (RMZ) and Wetland Management Zones (WMZ) averaging 170 feet wide on type 3 streams and wetlands; and a minimum 100-foot RMZ/WMZ along type 4 streams and one forested wetland less than 1 acre in size, have been retained to protect water quality, provide corridors for wildlife, and maintain habitat for fish and amphibians.
- Wildlife tree and snag recruitment will be accomplished by retaining a minimum of 8 trees per acre, consisting of conifer and hardwood species. Leave tree clumps were placed entirely around fourteen of the fifteen type 5 streams associated with this proposal.
- The head scarp of a small slump located in a cutbank on the road within Unit 8 was protected with leave trees.
- There is one designated equipment crossing and associated skid trail that crosses a type 3 stream and associated forested wetland accessing an isolated portion of Unit 2 and Unit 3. This crossing will be constructed using logs and slash available on site. The crossing itself will only be utilized for tracked equipment to access the isolated parcel of timberland and no logs will be skidded across the wetland or Type 3 stream. Logs will be 'handed-over' the wetland and stream with log loaders or a similar piece of approved equipment, and skidding the logs out of the WMZ with tracked equipment will not be allowed within 50 feet of the delineated forested wetland.
- Unit 7 is a 1-acre Wetland Management Zone thinning unit where harvest activities will take place within the WMZ of a forested wetland greater than 1 acre. Approximately 0.25 acres of an edge of this wetland's WMZ was removed in order to facilitate road construction activities. As mitigation, approximately 0.45 acres was identified upstream of the wetland to further protect hydrology and type 5 headwaters.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal: Sections 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10, Township 03 North, Range 04 East, W.M., approximately 14 miles by road, northeast of Battle Ground, off the L-1210 road systems in Clark County, Washington.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from April 5, 2010. Comments must be submitted by April 19, 2010.

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.